

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the current application. Claims 1, 4, 14 and 15 are independent claims.

Entry of Amendment Requested

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment by the Examiner since it raises no new issues; and the claims as amended do not require any further consideration or search by the Examiner. Further, Applicants submit that, at the least, the amendment should be entered since it reduces the number of substantive and/or formal issues to place the application in better form for appeal.

Summary of Examiner Interview

Initially, Applicants thank Examiner Truong for her time in the June 18, 2004 telephonic interview. Applicants discussed the exemplary embodiments, the language of independent claim 1, and distinctions of independent claim 1 over Chen. The Examiner suggested that independent claim 1 (and similarly to independent claims 4, 14 and 15) be amended for clarity to distinguish the transmitting steps and to further clarify the specific data related to the principal program. It was believed that such an amendment would reduce issues and further clarify the distinctions over Chen already present in independent claim 1.

35 U.S.C. §102(e) Chen

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Chen. By these clarifying amendments, and consistent with the discussions of the interview, independent claims 1, 4, 14 and 15, as amended, are submitted to be distinguishable over what is described in Chen. As such, claims 2-3, 5-13, and 16-26, dependent upon independent claims 1, 4, 14 and 15, respectively, are likewise allowable over Chen at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 1, 4, 14 and 15. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance for all pending claims.

CONCLUSION

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested. All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, and/or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

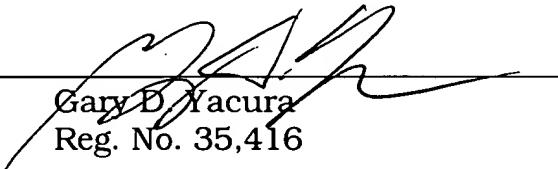
Applicants also request that the Examiner provide Applicants with an indication of his favorable receipt of Applicants' position stated above.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Very truly yours,

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